

## PROPERTY REPORT

Property ID: **1549302042**

**Property Name:** William Hillyer House **Ownership:** Private  
**Address:** 1 S MAIN ST **Apartment #:** **ZIP:** 08512

### PROPERTY LOCATION(S):

County:	Municipality:	Local Place Name:	USGS Quad:	Block:	Lot:
MIDDLESEX	Cranbury township			33	39

### Property Photo:



**Old HSI Number:** **NRIS Number:** **HABS/HAER Number:** 35

### Description:

PS&S recommends that 1 S. Main Street, which includes a historic residence built ca. 1835, a historic wagon house, and a historic garage, is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2 1/2-story, side gable-roofed, rectangular-plan main block of this aluminum siding-clad, frame dwelling on a covered foundation is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep and is backed on the southeast by a 2 1/2-story, cross gable-roofed, L-plan secondary volume. A 1-story, hip-roofed, enclosed porch is on the northeast, side elevation of the main block and a 1-story, composite-roofed, enclosed porch is on the southwest, side elevation. The roofs are predominantly clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have 6/1 historic wood sash. An exterior brick chimney projects from the northeast elevation of the main block. The primary entrance is located in the southwest bay of the northwest, main elevation and includes a historic, replaced door surround with leaded glass sidelights, a single light transom, and a Colonial Revival, pedimented door hood with brackets and dentils. The northeast, side enclosed porch is lighted by a triple window. The southwest, side enclosed porch is lighted a bank of four 12-light windows with 3-light transoms. The southwest, side elevation is only partially visible from the public right-of-way and is lighted in the enclosed porch by 2 sets of double 12-light windows flanked by 4-light sidelights with a single 7-light transom flanked by single lights. The second floor of the main block is lighted by a single window in the west bay with a single window on the third floor. The rear volume is fronted by a shed-roofed porch and includes a secondary door in the east bay and a window in the west bay, with a replaced sliding window on the second floor. The projecting rear volume is lighted in each bay by

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a single window. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right of way. The northeast, side elevation is only partially visible and includes single and double windows on the second floor of the rear volume, single windows on the second floor of the main volume, and 2 triple windows lighting the enclosed porch.

The 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular-plan, frame wagon house is located to the southeast of the residence and includes a projecting eave at the gable ridge, and historic, vertical board doors on the north and south elevations. The north elevation is lighted by a replacement picture window with 1/1 sash flanking windows and the south elevation is lighted by a replacement double awning window. The 1-story, gable-roofed, frame garage is located to the east of the residence and includes a historic sliding garage door with four 6-light windows.

Historic maps indicate that South Main Street includes some of the earliest development in Cranbury. The settlement began in 1736 with the construction of a mill on the south banks of the Cranbury Brook and, by 1810, developed into a small village. This property was inventoried in the 1980 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as having been built for William Hillyer circa 1834. This residence may be one of 5 buildings documented on the 1850 Otley and Keiley Map between Brainerd Lake and Station Road. The residence on the lot is documented on the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as belonging to "J. Conover." The property is documented on the 1916 Sanborn Map as including a 2-story, rectangular-plan dwelling fronted by a full-width porch and backed by a 2-story rear volume flanked on the northeast and southeast by 1-story secondary volumes and a 1-story side porch on the southwest. The property also included 2 1-story outbuildings, a 1 1/2-story wagon house, and a 2-story barn. The 1933 Sanborn documents a 2-story, irregular plan residence with a 1-story, enclosed side porch to the southwest and a 1-story open porch on the northeast of the main volume. A secondary, 2-story dwelling with a 1-story porch, 1-story rear el, and basement garage is also shown on the lot as "53 1/2" S. Main Street (2 Evans Drive), along with 4 1-story outbuildings, a 2-story garage, a 1-story tool house, and the 2-story barn. Visual evidence suggests that the current pedimented door hood, leaded glass door surround, and southern porch enclosure were added sometime during the 1920s.

The residence at 1 S. Main Street is a contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District because it retains integrity and character-defining historic features such as its historic windows, historic added door hood and door surround, historic chimney, and unaltered massing of the main block. The wagon-house retains its historic doors, vertical board siding, and eave projecting. The garage retains its historic 6-light, multi-leaf sliding door.

**Setting:**

South Main Street stretches from Brainerd Lake to the southern edge of Cranbury and is characterized by freestanding single-family residences of moderate scale ranging in date from the early 19th century to the early 20th century.

**Registration and Status Dates:**

**National Historic Landmark?:**

**National Register:** 9/18/1980

**SHPO Opinion:**

**New Jersey Register:** 8/9/1979

**Local Designation:** 9/26/1988

**Determination of Eligibility:** 3/25/1977

**Other Designation:**

**Certification of Eligibility:**

**Other Designation Date:**

**Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?**

**Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?**

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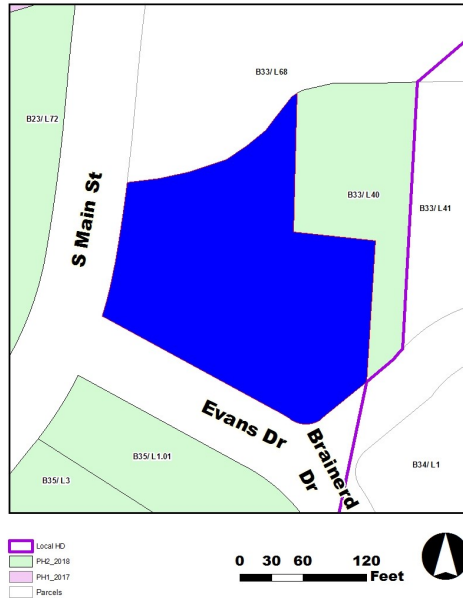
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Location Map:



Site Map:



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(None Listed)	Aerial and street view photography for 1931, 1940, 1947, 1953, 1957, 1963, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1979, 1987, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, and 2015 available at <a href="http://historicaerials.com">historicaerials.com</a> and for 1995, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2016, and 2017 available through Google Earth			
(None Listed)	1916 Sanborn Map	1916		
Heritage Studies	Preserving Cranbury Township	1989		

**Additional Information:**

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More Research Needed?  (checked=Yes)

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**INTENSIVE-LEVEL USE ONLY:**

**Attachments Included:**            0 Building                            0 Bridge  
   0 Structure                            0 Landscape  
   0 Object                                0 Industry

**Historic District ?**   

**District Name:** Cranbury Historic District

**Status:** Contributing

**Associated Archeological Site/Deposits?**   

(known or potential sites. If Yes, please describe briefly)

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